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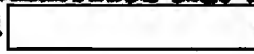
**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: Operations at** 


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1. In a telephone conversation on 9 July 1958,  reported that it would be extremely convenient for EG&G if the operations at  could be temporarily closed down for approximately five weeks beginning 1 August. They have urgent temporary need for some of the personnel involved. Such a shutdown would also permit vacations and facilitate the operation of the facility during the balance of the year.

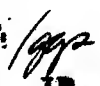
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2.  recommended that we plan on such a shutdown since our presently scheduled  GUSTO work can be completed by 1 August.

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3. Both  and I believe that it will require some weeks for the Air Force and/or Navy to complete arrangements for test measurements on any conventional equipment. Accordingly, we felt that we should actively explore with them at this time their requirements for the use of the Range and should tentatively plan to schedule measurements on their equipment beginning about mid-September. Were these activities to consume several months, the Range would then be free for our purposes about as soon as we could expect to have a full scale GUSTO mock-up ready.

4. On the basis of the foregoing, I concurred in the closing of the Range for the period indicated, with the understanding, however, that EG&G would continue with any maintenance work or Range improvement needed before the resumption of operations in September.

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